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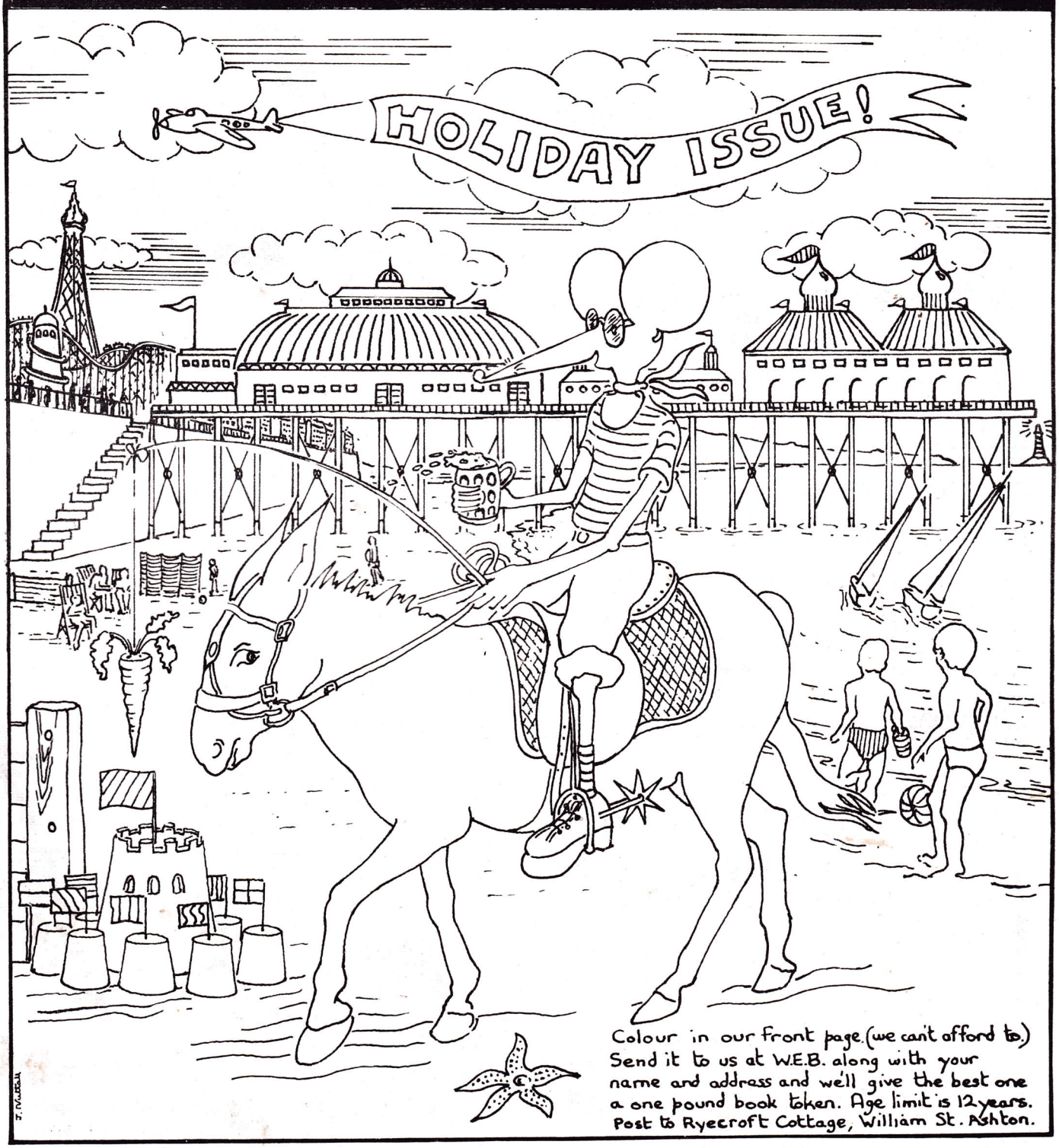

Colour in our front page (we can't afford to.) Send it to us at W.E.B. along with your name and address and we'll give the best one a one pound book token. Age limit is 12 years. Post to Ryecroft Cottage, William St. Ashton.

west park estate

rebuff on rates appeal

After a pleasantly conducted appeal in Hyde Town Hall on Tuesday 5th July, residents of the two Tower blocks on West Park Estate have had an application for a rates reduction turned down. The panel believed that the complaints put forward were mainly a result of bad housing management on the part of the council. Traffic noise increases must apparently be borne by everybody in the area.

A call to arms was included in the letter from the panel, " A resolute approach should be made by all the tenants to the landlords in an endeavour to effect improvements in these problems from which the appellants undoubtedly suffered". Good advice from an impeccable source.

tenants' association

On Tuesday July 19th a committee was formed to represent West Park Estate Tenants Association and the elected officials were:
Chairman: Mr. Jim English, 47 Hamer Close.
Vice Chairman: Mr. Jim Hillson, 18 Bollington Close.
Secretary: Mr. Alf Waddington, 4 Hamer Close.
The first task of the committee is to circularise the Estate to make a complete list of problems.

kids lose out on playspace

Sadly, the recent negotiations to try and get the piece of land behind the Waggon and Horses as temporary playspace have fallen through. It turns out that Estates Dept. is involved with a commercial concern that wishes to develop the site for industrial use. This can only make the local residents more solidly resolved to get the playspace the area requires.

In the same locality, it seems that the general mess in and around the LoyneLtd buildings off Victoria and Margaret Streets won't be there much longer. After pressure from local Councillor Jack Pettit the owners of the building, Enamellers Ltd, have agreed to reduce the height of the main building to one storey on the yard side and knock it down completely on the Margaret St side "in the next four months". The space made available will then be used as a car park.

what d'you think of it so far?. . .

Comment from West Park Janitor to a WEB seller recently, "Why should I buy one? They all come down the chute next morning anyway." Along with the Times and the Telegraph we hope!

tales of things to come

Those people who suffer the view, and sometimes the smell, of the waste ground next to Bollington Close will be encouraged to hear that outline planning permission has been renewed for twelve split level town houses on that site. However it seems that negotiations are still going on between the builder, who owns the site, and the councils architects, to try and agree on a design for the development. Residents will remember that one or two plans and rumours have gone around about that site in the past.

WEB suggests...

that this area of the West End needs playspace more than it needs a car park. How about Tameside buying that bit of spare land off Enamellers and turning it into an adventure playground for the kids of the estate? In view of her recent comments in the Reporter perhaps Councillor Mrs Newsome could lend a hand.

Geoff Wilde
(DAVE'S ICES)

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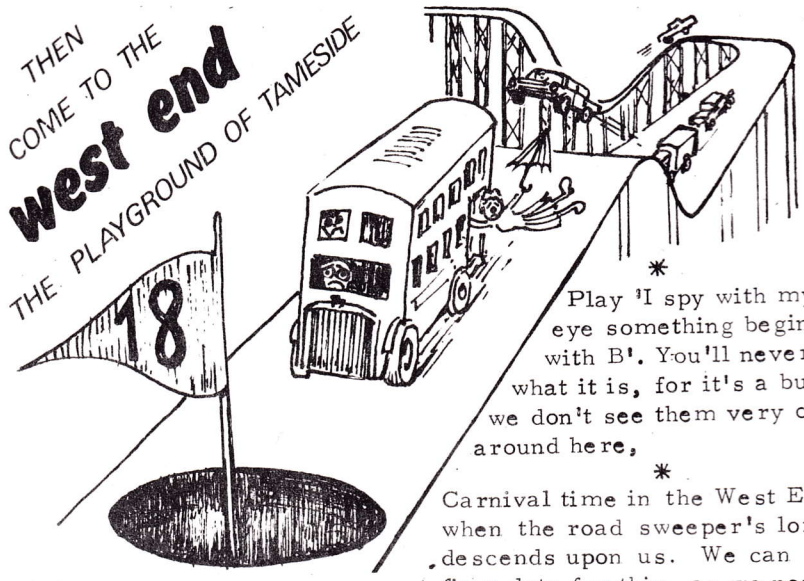
shopkeeper injured

Locals on West Park Estate will have been shocked to hear of the traffic accident in which Mr. Hon Wan Chan, who has just taken over the fish and chip shop, was injured. The good news is that he will soon be out of hospital and ready to take up business again.

Need A Holiday ?



Ride the Big Dipper down Kelvin St A thrill of a lifetime. This won't do your car any good, or your false teeth.

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Play a round of golf on our gigantic golf course. The holes are big enough to drive a bus in let alone a golf ball. The course covers most of the West End and is now being extended to include Richmond St. and Ashton Moss Estate.

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Take a trip over the patchwork pavements - then apply to Tameside for compensation.

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Have an early morning call on Ryecroft St., by courtesy of Donelons.

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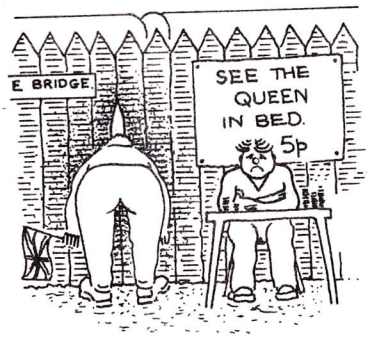

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Visit Guide Bridge Sidings - the only place in the area fit for a Queen!

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Play 'I spy with my little eye something begining with B'. You'll never guess what it is, for it's a bus and we don't see them very often around here,

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Carnival time in the West End is when the road sweeper's lorry descends upon us. We can never fix a date for this, as we never know when he is coming!

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Watch the local children playing in the streets - the natives of these parts don't have much play-space, but are a happy crowd and amuse themselves by dodging the articulated lorries which thunder through the narrow streets.

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We have a number of kiddies paddling pools. These are usually found in the street gutters where the grids are blocked.

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Come pot holing. We have a maze of underground tunnels to explore. There are even cranes outside the entrances to lower you down.

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Each evening at dusk there is a 'worm watch' outside the hole on the corner of Marlborough St. and Hamilton St. Come early for the best seats as the BBC Badger Watch team will be showing it live.

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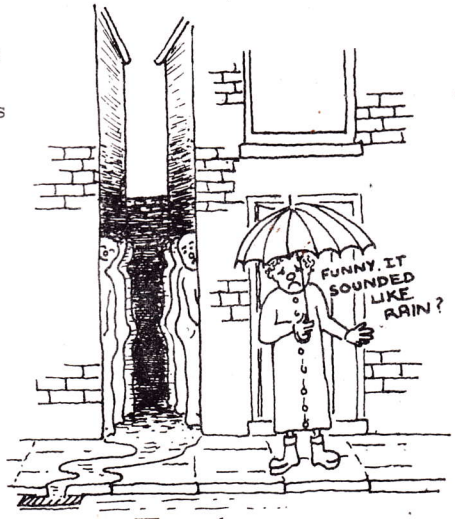

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We have plenty of public conveniences in our area - usually called 'ginnels' or 'entrys'.

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How about a real day away during the Wakes?

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FACE TO FACE !

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FACE TO FACE

THIS ISSUE: No. 3

WEB Interviews County Cnllr Jones

Councillor Jones represents Tameside's No.2. Ward on Greater Manchester Council (G. M. C.) G. M. C. has other responsibilities than those of Tameside and to illustrate these differences we first asked Councillor Jones what were the responsibilities of the G. M. C?

Cn. Jones: 'G. M. C. Controls a large amount of money.

Interviewer: 'How much public money does G. M. C. control?'

Cn. Jones: 'That's not for me to say. G. M. C. will consider any scheme and accept it if it will be advantageous to the area.'

Interviewer: "Don't the public spending cuts make a difference to the schemes you consider?'

Cn. Jones: 'Yes they do, we cannot make as many grants.'

no money

Interviewer: 'Do you think this is a good thing?'

Cn. Jones: 'If there is no money there is no way around it. Also, it is not true that the Tories are making cuts so they can reduce the rates, as Frank Ruffley said in your last issue.'

Interviewer: 'Have you any views on the poor housing conditions in the area?'

Cn. Jones: 'What do you mean by 'poor' housing conditions?

Interviewer: 'The sort of conditions we have in the Oxford St. and Victoria St. C. P. O. areas.'

C. Jones: 'I blame the socialists for the conditions. The C. P. O's should never have gone through before re-organisation. I protested at the time, but no one listened. They should have cleared and re-housed one small area at a time.'

Interviewer: 'Doesn't that make planning for the future more difficult?'

Cn. Jones: 'That is what the Planners say, but I don't think so.

Interviewer: 'What are your views on the selling of council houses?'

uneconomic?

Cn. Jones: 'Houses cannot be let at an economic rent, because of building costs, so I think it is a good idea to sell council houses.'

Interviewer: 'Does that mean you do not think the council should provide accomodation for the elderly?'

Cn. Jones: 'No, I believe in taking care of the young, the old and the genuinely sick.'

Interviewer: 'Do you think that vandalism is a problem in the West End?'

Cn. Jones: 'There is a high degree of vandalism everywhere! It should be more severely dealt with. Harsher punishment at the root of the problem would solve it.'

1½ mill. excuses

Interviewer: 'Do you think that there are many people fiddling when claiming benefits from the state?'

Cn. Jones: 'These days they have an excuse for being unemployed, they can always say that there are 1½ million unemployed so they cannot get a job. I think they could get a job if they really wanted to. If they didn't want top pay they could get a job. There are too many people being re-trained then having no job afterwards.'

Interviewer: 'How do you think we could reduce unemployment?'

Cn. Jones: 'If we could reduce the cost of production we could under-cut other countries prices, increase exports and create more jobs.'

Interviewer: 'Does reducing cost of production mean cutting wages?'

Cn. Jones: 'No, it means cutting the cost of living.

enough said

Interviewer: 'What are your views on immigration?'

Cn. Jones: 'These people are here now, we must put up with them, but enough is enough.'

Interviewer: 'Do you think that racism is a problem in this area?'

Cn. Jones: 'There is no problem of racism to the extent of violence. Somebody might call one of them a 'coco-pop' but that is a s far as it goes.'

Interviewer: 'How would you like to see the West End develop in the future?'

Cn. Jones: 'We should doaway with the inspection programmes which only blight an area, instead we should have an annual programme. House improvement grants are the answer, but they should only be spent on the ground floor of the house, so when the house gets old the top floor can be taken off and made into a bungalow.'

web comment

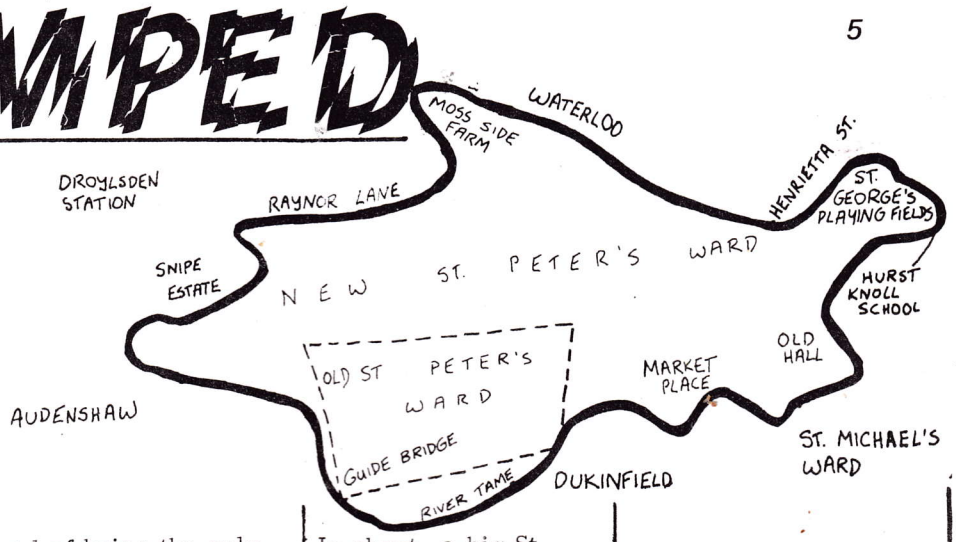
Councillor Jones was wary and suspicious of us throughout the interview. On a number of points he would not allow us to quote him.

His parting words were joking but illustrate his apprehension, "I'll kill you if I lose any votes in the next election through this interview!"

WEB would welcome comments, for or against, any of the issues raised in this interview.

SWAMPED

IF NEW TAMESIDE PLANS GO THROUGH OUR OWN "ST. PETER'S" VOTING WARD WILL BE INCREASED IN AREA TO INCLUDE ASHTON AS FAR EAST AS THE ALBION CHURCH AND AS FAR NORTH AS HENRIETTA ST. AND THE OLD BALL. THIS COULD HAVE FAR REACHING IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE WEST END.



WEB INVESTIGATES

A Ward is the smallest unit of local government. Under the present system, electing a councillor to represent our Ward is the closest we come to controlling the system that controls us. So, if Ward boundaries are changed it's not just a movement on a map - its a movement of the small power we have to control our own lives.

NUMBERS NOT PEOPLE

If St. Peter's Ward is made as big as Tameside wants it to be (see map) the following things are likely to happen:

Instead of being the only area in St. Peter's Ward the West End will become only one of several that will be competing for the attention of their Councillors and money of Tameside. And, the West End won't be the most powerful of these areas by any means. The residents of the Old Ball and Henrietta St. have more money and political influence than we do. You only have to look at the home addresses of many of our Mayors to see that!

Our three Councillors will become even more distant from us than they are at present. They will have more people to look after and less time for the small things

In short, a big St. Peter's Ward is likely to make things in the West End worse rather than better. Then, why is it being done? Simply to make up its population to an average 9,000 that is to be the norm throughout Tameside. We are in danger of losing effective representation in Tameside because someone is more concerned with statistics than people!

NO OBJECTIONS

The boundary proposals were 'published' last November and 'notice' was given to the public in local libraries and the Reporter. Objections had to be in by last January.

None were received from the West End, and it's too late now. But, why were no objections received? Because no one in the West End cared, or because everyone agreed?

YOU ALL KNEW

Neither, it was because nobody knew! It simply isn't good enough to stick up a bit of paper in the library and a small notice at the back of the Reporter.

INFORMED

There should have been much more publicity, a leaflet through every door in the area and our Councillors should have explained the implications of the proposals to us - personally, so that action could have been taken before it was too late.

TO AVOID REPETITION OF THIS AFFAIR WEB INVITES LOCAL COUNCILLORS AND TAMESIDE OFFICERS TO USE ITS PAGES (FREE) TO PUBLICISE MATTERS WHICH ARE IMPORTANT TO US ALL IN THE WEST END,. WE NOW HAVE OUR OWN PAPER, SO THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR NOT USING IT TO LET THE PEOPLE OF THE WEST END KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON.

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POLITICS

TORY//N.F. LINK-UP?...

ON JULY 5TH CONSERVATIVE COUNCILLORS VOTED EN BLOC TO LET THE NEO-FASCIST NATIONAL FRONT PARTY USE PUBLIC BUILDINGS FOR MEETINGS AND RALLIES. THIS, AND THE REVELATIONS OF PERSONAL CONTACT BETWEEN NATIONAL FRONT MEMBERS AND PROMINENT CONSERVATIVES HAS LED TO SPECULATION ABOUT THE EXISTANCE OF A "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES IN TAMESIDE.

VOTES

In 1975 N.F. District organiser Frank Dawber ran against Tory leader Colin Grantham for the Werneth seat in Hyde. He lost (Grantham won), but in losing he was only 200 votes away from splitting the difference between Grantham's majority and the Labour party runner. And, since then the N.F. branch in Hyde has consolidated itself, making Hyde the only area in Tameside where the N.F. has anything like a power base.

HYDE

Hyde is also a major Conservative stronghold. Six of its nine Councillors are Tories and these six include a high proportion of the parties most powerful representatives.

Councillors Grantham, J. S. Bell, Parker and Clark all represent Hyde Wards, and Councillor Fearn comes from Hyde.

POWER

Between them these men sit (and in many cases Chair) on all the major policy making committees and exercise a massive influence over the whole Conservative party in Tameside.

If this groupof Councillors had been against the N.F. using Tameside buildings they could have carried most other Conservative Councillors with them. In the event, they were for it and their power and eloquence was vital in persuading waverers to rally behind the N.F. vote

FUNNY

This behaviour of the Hyde Tories seems, on the face of it, to be against their own best interests. For, if the N.F. did become a third force in Hyde politic it would do so at their expense, by gaining the vote of people in areas like Werneth and Gee Cross. Why then did they go out of their way to help the N.F?

Cynics suggest that it would be to the advantage of Hyde Tories if Dawber and friends were to put up against one of the three Labour Councillors next time round, rather than a Conservative.

CONTACT

For people who think this, the rumours of personal contact between Tory leader Grantham, and N.F leader Dawber take on a sinister significance when related to events in council from March to July.

The N.F. vote was not the party issue in March, that itwas in July. In Mar. a number of Tory Councillors actually voted with Labour to renew the ban on N.F. use of public buildings. And, tweleve days after that a notice to lift the ban was only passed in Council by the Mayors casting vote.

But, by June all the Conservatives on the Policy and Resources committee and by July all the Conservative Councillors in Tameside, were unamimous in opposing Labour attempts to reimpose the ban.

PRESSURE

Plainly pressure had been applied to the Tory wavers between March and July. Councillor Grantham says that the waverers were convinced "by the weight of discussion, on a simple issue of 'free speech' ". But, some Labour people are not convinced the issue was so simple. They suspect that some sort of deal was done,

Reliable sources do confirm a number of meeting between Colin Grantham, Frank Dawber and others in Hyde pub-s like The Unity and The Grapes. Councillor Grantham him

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INFLATION

The Great Grub G

In the last year just about the only thing that has risen faster than the price of food is the profit made by the companies that produce most of our food.

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Unilever, the countries biggest food producer announced profits of £605 million for 1976-77, an 85% increase on the previous year.

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BOGGED DOWN!

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IT WAS CLOSED BY THE COUNCIL. LORRY DRIVER NEED IT AND STILL USE IT BUT AS FAR AS TAMESIDE IS CONCERNED IT ISN"T IN USE AND SO DOES NOT GET CLEANED. SO IT GETS FILTHIER AND FILTHIER UNTIL IT IS NOW BECOMING A HEALTH HAZARD. THERES A NEED FOR A TOILET THERE WHY NOT OFFICALLY OPEN IT AGAIN AND REMOVE THE HEALTH HAZARD?

elf does not deny that he 'knows" the N.F. leader. On the other hand, he 'strenuously denies" the xistence of any arrangenent between himself and he National Front. That s reassuring. But, for nany people such a denial vill still be unsatisfactory They feel that the N.F. is n evil organisation that hould be ostracised by Tory and Labour alike.

Any Info Ring 330 5664

Resident - Power !!!

MOSSLEY RESIDENTS ARE FIGHTING A CRAZY COUNCIL PLAN TO DEMOLISH MANY OF THEIR HOUSES. THIS IS THEIR STORY.....

In May'76, 500 residents of Mossley received a letter telling them their houses were due to be inspected "before 1980" to see whether they were to be improved or demolished. Until then no loans, mortgages or grants would be available. The residents objected. Individually, they tried to find out what was going on, but got nowhere. So, in Nov. 76a public meeting was called. It was att--ended by 200 people. An Association was formed which met council officials, organised a housing exhibition, held public meetings and collected 500 signatures on a petition demanding that the Council Inspection Programme be scrapped. Tamesides own plan was based on 1971 census figures. The Residents own report, called, "Delay means Decay" is based on up to date info--ormation collected by the residents themselves. 41 addresses on Tamesides list were found not to exist at all !. 71 properties (20%) were empty, many belonged to Tameside. 60% of houses had bath--rooms and 76% inside toilets. 90% said their houses were mostly free from damp, 60% had made their own improvements. The majority of houses are solid stone and well cared for.

Most important, 94% of householders said they were happy living in their houses. Residents want to stay in their community.

It was easy to put the houses on the inspection list. Why is it so difficult to get Tameside to admit that they have made a mistake ?

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Associated ere up 45% to eanwhile, the tightening our g to accept an actual fall in our standard of living.

If you read the national press youre told that inflation is caused by wage rises, by the falling exchange rate of the pound or by uncontrollable rises in world commodity prices - and no doubt all of these things do affect prices.

FAT

But, let's not forget that some of the biggest companies in the land are lending a hand and making a fat profit in the process.

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Holiday Spot

Find out more about your local canal - when it was built, why it was built, the use of locks, the boating and canoeing, and the fact that you can walk the towpath all the way to Chester (if you feel fit enough).
Find the house where the wife of David Livingstone lived, see the swans, the greenfinches, the three species of butterfly and the giant dragonfly. Examine the mussels in the canal and the various types of snails to be found there. See specimens of plant that originated in Canada and Africa, watch the dance of the whirlygig beetle on the surface of the canal and look at the fly that can walk on water.

The bright blue damsel fly should be present which is one of the lovliest aquatic flys in Britain. In a small offshoot of the canal is an abundance of marsh plants with lovely flowers.
Have a look at the area where plant and marine fossils 280 million years old have been found.

CANAL WALK
Saturday
August. 13th.
Start 10 am.
Community Centre

WEB TRAVEL BUREAU

Web Welcomes Wakes by launching its Holiday spot! All you have to do is to call in at the Community Centre, John Street to see the WEB Exhibition of places to visit for day outings.

Here are six of the six hundred ideas!

TO: Dovestone reservoir, Greenfield.
TO SEE: Lovely countryside and walks.
ROUTE: 354 bus from Ashton every 90 mins from 10.40 a.m.
Return - 23mins & 53 mins past hour from 16.23 p.m.

WEB TRAVEL

TO: Blackpool, Scarborough, York, Rhyl, Chester Etc.
ROUTES: Coach Tours organised by various travel firms. Details in WEB holiday spot exhibition for tours which depart from Ashton.

TO: Manchester Airport.
ROUTE: Express bus from Ashton bus station. Fri, Sat, Sun. each hour from 11.45 a.m. Return - each hour on hour.

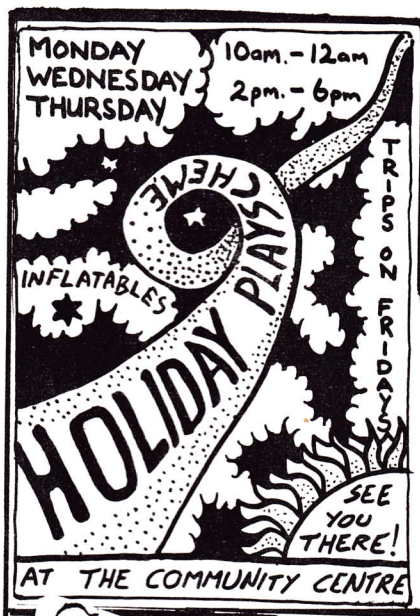
WEB TRAVEL

TO: Lyme Park
TO SEE: Lyme Hall. Tues-Sat. Tours= 1.30, 3.00, 4.30. closed Mondays. Deer park Nature trail, playground, Sheep dog trials. Aug. 26th - 28th.
ROUTE: 400 bus Ashton to Stockport. (15 mins to each hour). 199 bus from Stockport Mersey Square.

TO: Castleton & Hope.
TO SEE: Peak district, Blue John mines + 29th Aug. sheepdog trials - Hope.
ROUTE: Train from Piccadilly, M/cr. 9.45, 12.45 (change New Mills)
Return from Hope 5pm, 7.58pm change New Mills.
COST: Day return - Adult £1.50, child 40p. (if accompanied by adult).

W.E.B. TRAVEL

TO: Park Bridge Museum, Ashton.
Suns. 2 - 5 pm Admission Free.
TO SEE: Blacksmiths, Clogmakers at work, local & natural industrial history.
ROUTE: 336 bus.



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£60 raised for WEB

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All through August there will be a playscheme for kids at the West End Community Centre, John St. Activities will include swimming (every Tues. 10.00) story telling every monday (5-8 years). Trips out to M/cr.Airport, Dinting Railway etc. Also, roller skating, walking, horse riding, picnics. There will be a Wild West Show on Sept. 3rd.

Candle lit tables, food and a bar plus a whole lot of talent proved to be the exact formula for the first, and very successful, folk night held on 2nd July at the Community Centre. Nearly 200 people packed the building to hear an evening of entertainment provided by artists who gave their talent and time absolutely free to help WEB raise funds for equipment.

WEB would like to thank the following; Leatheryed Broth Galadriel, Anne Morris, Alison and John, Dave McKenzie, Rob Mason and John Tummon

NEARLY DISASTEROUS.

Only two hours before the start of the show a power failure almost put paid to the night, but thanks to Mr. Les Harris, a qualified electrician who did some emergency re wiring, we were ready with minutes to spare.

AGAIN! AGAIN!

Artists and audience alike agreed that the night was a huge success and that it should be done again as soon as possible.

WEB helpers agreed wholeheartedly so if you would like to come along and help to organise the next one you are welcome to come to the West End Community Centre, any Wednesday evening after 8 p.m.

YOUTH NEWS

In the Ashton Festival, 3 Youth teams entered the 5 -a-side comp. The Junior team was, A Hyde, P& G Petrov, N Worthington and Dean Hodgkiss.

The senior 'A' Team were J Dorsi B Jackson A Critchlow D Lawson A Beswick .

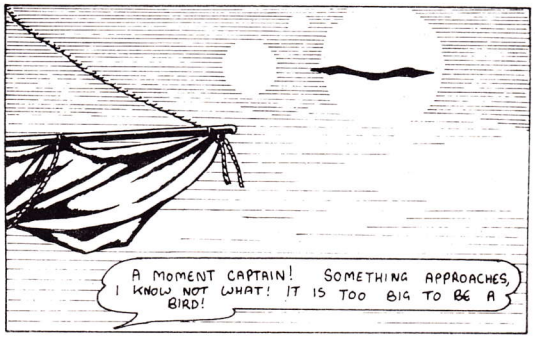
The 'B' team were G Morriss, P Murphy, J Waddington J Adamson and A Beswick who got knocked out in the semi-final by penalties.

Three of us entered the table tennis comp. Carl Ashby, Chris Hyde and Robert Bohana were miserably beaten by 3 foot high midgets, so we are being coached by a professional next year in order to do better.

A Crank C Fitzpatrick and Robert Bohanna made a valiant attempt in the badminton matches.

Robert also entered the canoing and came second.

Future activities planned are a camping weekend with Y.A.T. and a friendly table tennis matches against Broadoak Youth Club.



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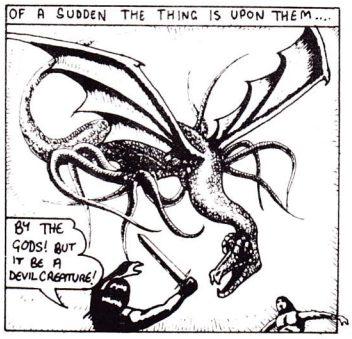

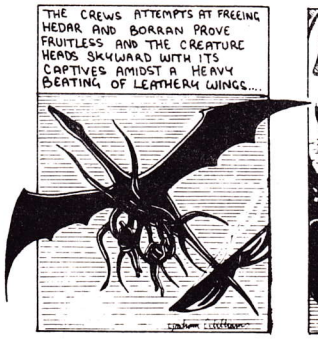

APOLOGIES-NO WAY

"I take umbrage at the implication that WEB is sponsored by the West End Community Centre. WEB is not sponsored by the Community Centre and their only involvement is that they have been kind enough to allow the members of WEB to use the premises on Wednesday evenings. Also, the committee of the West End Community Centre have conceded that WEB may use the main hall to hold a 'Folk Night' to raise funds.

This last five years the Reporter has indeed broadened its outlook and done much to highlight the problems of the West End and now they have been abused, re paragraph three on the supplement sheet. I feel that apologies should be printed to the staff of the Reporter to confirm my belief that there was no malicious intent but was due to the lack of experience in expressing themselves.

I would like to see WEB modified a little so that it may flourish and serve a useful purpose in the community, as it was intended in its origin."

Yours sincerely,
Judith Clayton.
18 Portugal St.

Send your opinions to WEB at 1 Hawthorne Grove.

BACK CHAT

Tory Con?

"I read with interest the report of the zeal with which Tameside Council seeks to protect us from the obscene and pornographic representations via film.
It is sad, that they do not bring this same zeal to bear in respect of protecting our community from the obscenity and pornography that is part and parcel of the rhetoric of the National Front.

One would have thought that this concern would have been uppermost in the Council's mind when it was deliberating whether or not to continue the policy of making public halls unavailable to this group. However, this would seem not to be the case. Nor does it seem that the Concervative majority are able to make the equation in its correct terms. Could it be that the National Front are in fact making public what many of the Conservative Councillors think in private, but do not have the courage to voice to the electorate at large?

Protect us by all means, but include all obscenities in this protection."

Yours etc.

J. SIMS.

Bombsite

"I find WEB factual and informative, and was particularly interested to read the interview with Councillor Ruffley. I quite agreed with most of his remarks.
I did voluntary work for the Inskip League of Friendship and was Chairman for many years. I am now retired and live with my sister in Grosvenor House and am perfectly satisfied with being on the 6th floor, where I have a splendid view of the West End. Looking slightly westward the bowling green and park loom into view. My sister and I go regularly to the park, winter and summer, noting the difference of the seasons. The park is fairly well kept and tidy.
I look southward now, and am depressed at what I see. An area of ground, like a bombsite - near Bollington close. The ground sticks out like a sore thumb.
We in the flats seem to be well integrated with the immigrants, but I calculate that in another decade the immigrants will become indiginous, and we will be in our reservations. I notice the Chinese have found our Mecca - they've struck oil, but its in the chip pans. I buy them myself, and can recommend them.
Good luck to all at WEB."

H. Powis.

Flat rate

"While I do feel some sympathy with the flat dwellers on the West Park Estate, I would like, as a Richmond Estate flat dweller to say the following:
Once inside the flats both estates are the same (carpets etc. could be interchanged without problem) so for our extra £1.01. a week rent all we on the Richmond Park Estate get is a few tiles on the floor. No, I wouldn't for preference live in a tower block either, but I don't think the local rate payers have a personel responsibility to know my every whim".

A Richmond St. Flat Dweller.

School Scoop

Dear WEB,
"We all read WEB and like WEB so we've decided to make a paper of our own called the Clarion. We write it ourselves, in fact we do everything except print it.

Our teacher Mrs. Barnie duplicates it for us.
After we had printed the first edition we sold out the same day. Now we are printing the second edition.

The first edition sold out and we printed forty, this time we are printing sixty copies.
All the money we make goes to charity, we give it to the blind people. We send the money to a blind girl called Eman who lives in Israel.
We sell the paper for 2p a copy.
Yours faithfully,

John Williams, Steven Connoly
Steven Harrison Paul Craven.

$ LOTTERY LOOT

$ Mrs Jessie Wright told WEB how Blackpool a rich resort, are making money running a lottery. If Blackpool needs to run a lottery to keep the rates down, surely Tameside could $ use the idea.

Blackpool sell 10,000 tickets a month at 20p each making £20,000. It pays out top prizes of £1000 and £500 monthly. Perhaps Tameside could adopt the idea and set up a Litter £ Campain that could employ extra people to clear up the litter in the precinct and provide extra litter bins in the WE. So — come on T'side Councillors-lets have a positive way £ of keeping down the rates.

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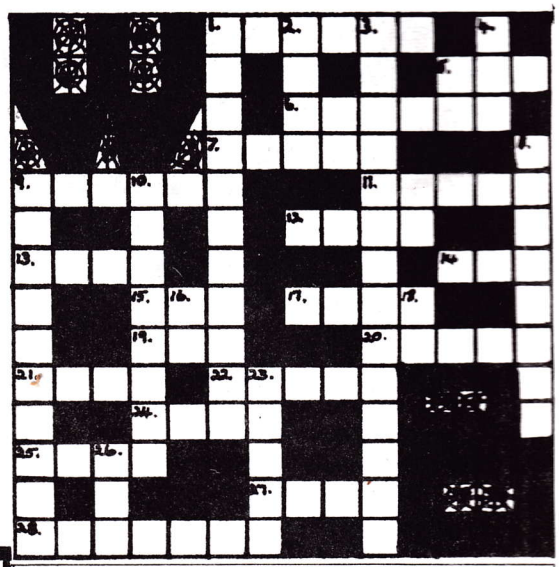
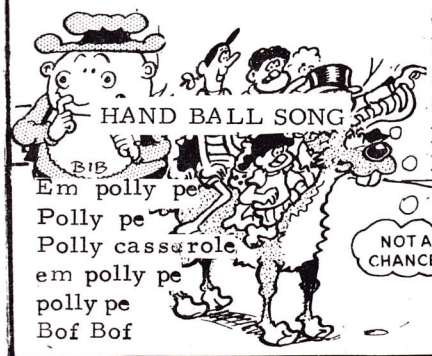


Kids' Street Songs & Chants

Robin Hood and his merry men
Went to school at half past ten
Teacher said you are late again
Robin Hood and his merry men.



Em polly pe
Polly pe
Polly casserole
em polly pe
polly pe
Bof Bof

Bubble car bubble car
number 24
turn round the corner
and switch on the brakes
Chorus:
Keep the sunny side
Keep the sunny side up-up
On the other side too
See the soldiers marching along
See Cliff Richard singing a song
bend down and touch your knees
Look like Japanese
Chorus:
Keep the sunny side
Keep the sunny side
up-side down.

PRIZE CROSSWORD

by Mrs. Brenda Torr

ACROSS

1. seat on elephant's back
5. ragged end
6. fancy
7. into, within
9. servile
11. liquid added to food
12. fruit
13. back of the neck
14. measure of length
15. small cube of bread
17. near
19. public house
20. uncanny
21. footpath edging
22. perennial plants
24. mona ----
25. formerly
27. sound reflection
28. an Arabian

DOWN

1. dress
2. without
3. influence the mind
4. sped
5. towards
8. in utter confusion
9. untruthful
10. not eatable
16. within
18. masculine
23. to seek prey
26. worthless dog

ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUE'S X WORD

ACROSS

6. cantankerous
8. pabulum
9. night
10. trek
12. blazer
14. argue
15. trying
16. do
19. occur
21. brushed
22. amphi-theatre

DOWN

1. snobbery
2. tally
3. skimp
4. wrangle
5. rung
6. capitation
7. startled
11. erg
12. bun
13. zoophyte
14. anarchy
17. abate
18. tuber
20. camp

Come and Meet

RAY and NELL

publicans of the

TRAFALGAR PUB

William Street.

ASHTON'S FESTIVAL '77

FUN AND GAMES

OR... IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR

The Ashton Festival closed on 16 July with a prize giving by Tony Wilson of Granada and a disco. The evening was marred in two ways.

The landlord of the Swan, Cockbrook didn't turn up for the bar license, despite police reminders and the Mayor and some cronies dis appeared half way through for drinks without even shaking the hands of the people who had spent the whole day organising the do.

Still, the West End ran away with most of the arts and Crafts prizes!

WHATS ON

Come on the Nature Walk along the canal Meet outside Community Centre at 10.a.m. Sat 13th Aug. All welcome - no charge.

WILD WEST SHOW SEPT 3rd At the Community Centre.

Free training session for those wanting to learn how to represent people at Equal pay and Sex discr. Tribunals. Every Thurs. from 4th Aug 2-4pm at the Law Centre Stockport Rd. Longsight . 255-5111.

Watch out for the Community Centre Building Fund. This has recently been launched to raise funds for the building of downstairs toilets. Any donations welcome at the centre.

WEB SOCIAL
JOHN ST. COMMUNITY CENTRE. AUG 10th 8pm

Claimants Union.
Every Thursday 12-3. Get free advice on benefits.

Swimming every Tuesday 10 am
Story telling 5-8 years every Mon. at the Playscheme W.E. Community Centre.

Web Holiday Spot Exhibition
Community Centre, John Street
Over 600 ideas for day outings.

Volunteers who have transport urgently required by Volunteer Bureau Clyde House. Contact Meg on 339-2345.

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Small Ads

SHELTER needs you.
Bored with T.V? Wondering what to do with yourself?
We need
-a projects officer
(eg empty properties survey)
-fund raising officer
-typists
-poster designer
Plus any other volunteers who just want to lend a hand.
PHONE Helen Marks
Mossley 3653
5, Carrbrook Close, Stalybridge.

A Registered Child minder has vacancies for 2 children.
18 months old and upwards.
Anybody interested contact
201 Marlborough St. Tel. 308 3468

FOR SALE 1970 Honda 90 engine and body. Offers c/o Potter, 202 Stockport Rd. A.U.L.

Guitar Lessons - Folk/Rock methods. Electric or acoustic. Rates on application. c/o Fearn, 202 Stockport Rd. A.U.L.

WEB needs YOU - a guide to how you can help WEB in your spare time:

A. **AT HOME**

1. 30 mins. - to write a letter to WEB, letting us know what you think of it so far (rubbish?!), telling us about news or views which we aren't covering.
2. 1-2 hrs. - to write an article, as long or short as you like, about anything which you think would interest West Enders.
3. 15 mins. - 2 hrs - selling WEB, just to your neighbours, or to several streets (see form below).
4. " " - folding WEB: we all meet the evening WEB arrives from the printers, to fold copies.

B. **ON LAYOUT DAY** (one Sat. every 6wks. when we meet together to prepare the paper for printing.)

1. 30 mins - to make a headline. 2. 30 mins. - to type an article in columns.
3. " " - to proofread an article, looking for typing errors and spelling mistakes.
4. 2-3 hrs. - to lay out a whole page, positioning articles and pictures, and sticking them down. Usually 2 people work together on this.

C. **AT MEETINGS**

1. On a regular basis, we meet every WEDS. 8-10pm. to discuss + plan WEB. Anyone is welcome to as many meetings as they like - all of them, or just one or two.
2. COME AND MEET WEB PEOPLE, FOR A CHAT AND CUP OF COFFEE, 8pm. Weds. Aug. 10th, Community Centre.

I (name) _____ can help to sell WEB on my street. I live at (address) _____ and I can sell at houses no. ____ to ____ on that street. Please deliver ____ copies of WEB to me. PLEASE RETURN TO 1 HAWTHORNE GROVE OR 129 TRAFALGAR ST.

SEND letters, photos, articles, etc. to 1 Hawthorne Grove or phone WEB on 330-5664.
COME to meetings and layout day at the John St. Community Centre.